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- 11. (U) In a verdict announced December 27, 30 of the 37 Peninsula Lions defendants were convicted of murder, attempted assassinations and other terror related crimes. The decision was first read to the defense lawyers in a closed court session, followed by an announcement to court observers outside the courtroom. No defendants were present. Six of the defendants received the death penalty, one received life plus three years (life equates to twenty years in prison), seven were acquitted, three received suspended sentences, and 20 received sentences ranging from four months to fifteen years in jail. All of the verdicts are expected to be appealed by either the defense or prosecution or both. (Note: Under Kuwaiti law, both defendants and prosecutors have the right of appeal, initially to the Court of Appeals and subsequently to the Court of Cassation. The appeal process can take up to two years to complete. End Note.)
- ¶2. (U) The charge sheet for the 37 defendants listed 35 separate charges including four counts of murder of Kuwait security forces, planning the assassination of Kuwait State Security (KSS) and Ministry of Interior (MOI) officials for the purpose of creating chaos, collaborating to commit terrorism, planning the murder of military personnel of friendly forces in Kuwait, exhorting others to join illegal organizations, calling for a fight against state authorities, carrying out hostile actions against the state's interests, funding terrorist groups through charitable donations, issuing fatwas to help facilitate hostile acts, possessing unlicensed firearms and ammunition, and manufacturing explosives.

The Verdicts One-by-One

- 13. (SBU) The defendants' verdicts were listed by name but the charges themselves were by number only. The charge sheet for individual crimes is not yet available. The names listed below were taken from court documents and should be considered more accurate than those listed on reftels. Below is the list of defendants, their current status, and their respective verdicts:
- 11. Mohammed Sa'ad Ali Bin Oun, Kuwaiti (in prison) sentenced to death
- $\P 2$. Ahmed Masameh Mohsen Majed Al Mutairi, Kuwaiti (in prison) sentenced to death

- 13. Abdullah Saeed Habib Al Shimmari aka Abdullah Bu Arwa, Kuwaiti - (in prison) sentenced to death
- 14. Ahmed Mutlaq Nasser Al Mutairi, Kuwaiti (in prison) ten years hard labor
- 15. Misha'al Muta'ab Mohammed Al Shimmari, Bidoon/Stateless (fugitive) ten years hard labor followed by deportation
- 16. Salman Hamed Suleiman Al-Shimmari, Saudi (fugitive) fifteen years hard labor followed by deportation
- 17. Ahmed Naqimash Abdulaziz Al-Enezi, Bidoon/Stateless (in prison) sentenced to death
- $\underline{\P}8.$ Mohammed Essa Nawaf Al-Shimmari, Bidoon/Stateless (in prison) sentenced to death
- ¶9. Salah Abdullah Rabea Khalaf aka Salah Rabea Al Shimmari, Bidoon/Stateless - (in prison) sentenced to death
- 110. Mohammed Sareh Thafour Al Ajmi, Kuwaiti (in prison) life with hard labor plus three years on additional charges
- $\P11$. Mohsen Fadl Ayad Al-Fadhel/Al-Fadhli, Kuwaiti (fugitive) ten years hard labor
- 112. Majed Mayyah Jeza'ah Al-Mutairi, Kuwaiti (in prison) seven years hard labor
- 113. Maqbul Fahd Fahhad Al-Maqbul, Kuwaiti (in prison) seven years hard labor

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- 114. Khaled Abdullah Falah Al-Dosairi, Kuwaiti (fugitive) ten years hard labor
- 115. Hamed Nawaf Hamdi Al-Harbi, Kuwaiti (fugitive) seven years
- 116. Mohammed Jama'an Safaq Al-Mutairi, Kuwaiti (in prison) seven years hard labor
- 117. Hussam Yousef Abdul-Rahim Yousef, Jordanian (in prison) four years hard labor followed by deportation
- 118. Abdulla Adel Abdulatif Al Rabei, Kuwaiti (in prison) four years hard labor
- $\P 19.$ Mohammed Abdullah Mohammed Al-Otaibi, Kuwaiti (in prison and brother of #20) acquitted
- 120. Ahmed Abdullah Mohammed Al-Otaibi, Kuwaiti (fugitive) seven years and four months hard labor
- 121. Abdul Latif Abdullah Abdul Hadi Al Juwaisri, Kuwaiti (fugitive) four years and four months hard labor
- 122. Mohammed Abdul Razzak Sheikh Essa, Somali (fugitive) four years and four months hard labor followed by deportation
- 123. Fahed Shakheer Abdullah Al-Enezi, Kuwaiti (on bail) four years and four months hard labor
- 124. Nassir Ali Saniyatan Al-Otaibi, Kuwaiti (fugitive)
 acquitted
- $\underline{\P}$ 25. Mohammed Shuja'a Faraj Al-Otaibi, Kuwaiti (in prison) four years hard labor
- 126. Osama Ahmed Habib Al-Monawer, Kuwaiti (on bail)
 acquitted
- 127. Bandar Ali Wanas Al-Shimmari, Bidoon/Stateless (in

prison) acquitted

- 128. Adel Habib Ghatti Al-Shimmari, Bidoon/Stateless (fugitive) two years hard labor followed by deportation
- 129. Nouri Mutashar Mutlal Quwair, Bidoon/Stateless (on bail) acquitted
- 130. Faisal Amir Mohammed Abu Qazila, Kuwaiti (in prison) five years hard labor
- 131. Nuha Mohammed Roumi Al-Enezi, Kuwaiti (was on bail, now listed as fugitive) no jail time due to medical condition, 500 Kuwaiti Dinar fine (approximately 1,700 USD), two years probation
- $\P 32$. Talal Al-Adri, Australian (in prison) four years hard labor followed by deportation
- 133. Faisal Fahd Falah Al-Dossari, Kuwaiti (fugitive) four years hard labor suspended sentence with 1000 Kuwaiti dinar fine (approximately 3,400 USD)
- ¶34. Hamed Abdullah Hamed Al-Ali, Kuwaiti (on bail) acquitted
- 135. Yassin Joudat Fa'aq Mustapha, Jordanian (on bail)
 acquitted
- $\underline{\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ }$ Mohammed Sa'ad Zamel Al-Rashidi, Kuwaiti (on bail) four months hard labor
- 137. Ahmed Mohammed Wahish Al-Mutairi, Kuwaiti (in prison) two years suspended sentence, 500 Kuwaiti dinar fine (approximately 1,700 USD) and probation